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SUBJECT: NATURAL RUBBER (NR)

1. IN PREPARATION FOR SECOND UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING
ON NR, JUNE 2-10, IN GENEVA, AND DEVELOPMENT U.S. POSITION,
WASHINGTON AGENCIES UNDERTAKING IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF
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WORLD NR MARKET, INCLUDING INDUSTRY STRUCTURE, ANALYSIS
OF INTERNAL CREDIT, COMMODITY EXCHANGE TRADING, GOVERNMENT
DEVELOPMENT PLANS, ETC. IN KEY PRODUCING COUNTRIES.
PURPOSE OF EXERCISE IS TO FURTHER ANALYZE PROBLEMS WHICH
MAY OFFER POTENTIAL FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTION AND
DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF BUFFER STOCKS AND/OR SUPPLY
MANAGEMENT MEASURES PROPOSED BY ANRPC MEMBERS AND UNCTAD.

2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MALAYSIA, LITTLE DETAILED INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN USG ON NR INDUSTRIES OF OTHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

3. ACTION: FOR BANGKOK, COLOMBO, JAKARTA, SINGAPORE, INFORMATION REQUESTED FOLLOWING AREAS AS APPLICABLE:

A. TRENDS IN STRUCTURE AND OWNERSHIP OF INDUSTRY,

INCLUDING FACILITIES FOR PROCESSING AND EXPORT; ROLE OF DEALERS/EXPORTERS.

B. EXTENT OF GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION OR CONTROL OVER PRODUCTION, PRICES, CREDIT, TRADE (E.G. CONTRACTS), COMMODITY EXCHANGES; RELATIONSHIP TO PRICES AND REVENUE RECEIVED BY SMALL HOLDERS;

C. GOVERNMENT LEVIES ON EXPORTS OR OTHER TAXES IMPOSED ON NR SHIPMENTS; USE OF TAXES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NR INDUSTRY, SUCH AS R AND D;

D. STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF INTERNAL CREDIT SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS SMALLHOLDERS;

E. GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR NR, E.G., RESETTLEMENT, PLANTING, PROCESSING, PLANTS, SPECIFY TYPES OF PROJECTS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, AND LEVEL OF FUNDING. EXTENT TO WHICH EXISTING INFRA-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRUCTURE AFFECTS MARKETING OF NR AND PROJECTS CONTEMPLATED IN DEVELOPMENT PLAN. RECENT OR PLANNED BILATERAL OR IFI AID;

F. OBJECTIVES, STATUS, AND SOURCES OF FINANCING OF R AND D PROGRAM.

G. REGULATION AND OPERATION OF COMMODITY EXCHANGES OR PHYSICAL MARKETS AND THE EXTENT OF GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL OR TRADING. INCLUDE HOW PRICES ARE FORMED AND METHODS USED TO DETERMINE DISCOUNTS BETWEEN VARIOUS NATURAL RUBBER GRADES.

4. FOR ROME: DOES FAO HAVE ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS UNDERWAY OR PLANNED IN NR PRODUCING COUNTRIES; IF SO, PROVIDE DETAILS.

5. FOR KUALA LUMPUR:

A. WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE OF POST'S EXCELLENT
REPORTS (A-87, MAY 21, 1973 AND A-19, MAY 25, 1973) ON
GOM PLANS TO MODERNIZE INDUSTRY.

B. TO WHAT EXTENT DOES GOM INTERVENTION AFFECT
MARKET THROUGH BUYING, STOCKING, ETC?

C. WHAT IS STATUS OF PLANS TO ESTABLISH COMMODITY
TRADING MARKET IN K.L. TO MINIMIZE INFLUENCE SINGAPORE?

D. ARE EXPORT AND OTHER TAXES LISTED IN A-139, SEPT.
28, 1976 STILL CORRECT? DOES POST KNOW WHAT PERCENTAGE
OF TAXES ARE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS; AND HOW ARE THEY
APPORTIONED TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS MRRDB AND
OTHERS.

6. FOR ALL POSTS: EMBASSIES ENCOURAGED TO REPORT
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ON ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM AREAS DESERVING PRIORITY
ATTENTION AT UNCTAD MEETING.

7. WE REALIZE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE BY MAY 20. CHRISTOPHER

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